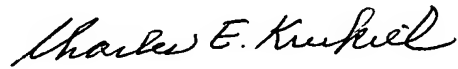


REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles E. Krukiel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and 'K'.

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